

9 November 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 9 November 1960

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray,
Mr. Harr, Mr. McCone, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Riddleberger,
Mr. Smith

1. Cuban Refugee Committee

The Board discussed the paper tabled at today's Cabinet meeting, establishing a Cuban Refugee Committee. Mr. Dulles noted that he had made some suggestions at the meeting and he questioned whether such a paper could not have been staffed to some extent by the OCB before reaching Cabinet level. Mr. Gray explained that Governor Collins of Florida had requested assistance in the handling of increasing numbers of refugees from Cuba and that the matter had apparently been viewed as primarily one of domestic interest.

2. Responsibilities of U. S. Ambassadors

Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to Executive Order 10893, dated November 8th, which finally resolves varying views about the role of U.S. ambassadors in the field. He pointed out that this order gives specific authorities to the ambassadors for coordination and over-all supervision of the activities of all members of the country team. Mr. Smith also said that the OCB has been helpful in some cases in assisting this process, and also that the Bureau of the Budget has approved proposals to make it possible under some circumstances for ambassadors to requisition staff assistants to help in the coordination process.

3. DCI's European Trip

Mr. Dulles gave the Board some highlights of his recent trip to Europe, noting that he would also discuss some of these matters in tomorrow's briefing of the NSC.

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The Board was especially interested in the situation in Turkey and in the DCI's comments on the trials of prominent members of the Menderes regime. Concern was expressed as to how far the U.S. could or should go in trying to persuade the present government to exercise leniency.

Mr. Dulles also commented that the government does not appear to be "too solid." Mr. Riddleberger noted that the Development Loan Fund has recently agreed to a large loan to Turkey, and he wondered whether under these circumstances it might be advisable to slow down the actual implementation of the agreement. Mr. Dulles and Mr. Merchant said that regardless of what views might be held as to the long-run stability of the Turkish Government, it is in fact all we have to work with at this time.

4. Polaris Documentary Film

Mr. Merchant said that it has been decided that the documentary film on the Polaris, which was recently viewed by the OCB, can be adapted to showing in selected foreign countries.

5. African Experts

Mr. Merchant said that the Department of State has almost come to the conclusion that it is impractical to develop a comprehensive list of individuals who possess qualifications that could be useful in newly-emerging African countries. He said that Mr. Henderson is now engaged in attempting to assess the various needs that these countries have, with the idea that specific individuals could be recruited against these needs. He added that some such lists have already been received.

Mr. Dulles questioned whether this procedure entirely meets the situation, since these new countries really require virtually everything in the way of specialized skills.

There was also a brief discussion of Senator Kennedy's proposal to recruit a "peace corps" of young qualified individuals who might serve abroad in lieu of military service.

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